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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED
EXAMINING GROUP 2100
PATENT**

Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 09812.0497-00

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Application No.: 09/741,668)	Examiner: Zachary A. Davis
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed March 7, 2007, the period for response to which extends through June 7, 2007, and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.116, Applicants propose that this application be amended as follows:

Proposed Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks follow the amendment section of this paper.